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TOTAL Funds at 31st DECEMBER, 1914,
£53,970,387.

Authorized Capital £8,000,000.
Subscribed Capital 24,600,000.
Paid-up Capital £2,457,500

Fire Funds..... 3,837,047
Life & Annuity Funds..... 17,587,590
Banking Fund Account..... 123,230

£29,970,387
Revenue Fire Branch..... £2,381,456
Life and Annuity..... 2,341,593
Branches..... 387,239
Revenue Marine Department..... 473,940
Other Receipts..... 25,830,223

The Accumulative Funds of the various Branches are separately invested, and, by Act of Parliament, are set aside to meet the claims under the respective Departments of the Company's Business.

SHewan, Tomes & CO., General Managers.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY LIMITED

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAY
7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARD

6.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. every half hour.

11.00 p.m. to 12.45 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

1.15 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.

11.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

12.45 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

5.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

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Night Card at 12 midnight.

SPECIAL CARD by arrangement at the Company's Office, Alexandra Barracks, Des Voeux Road Central.

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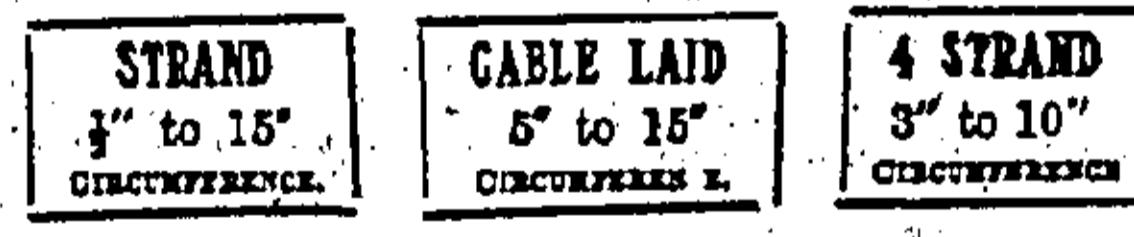
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THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

STARVATION, SLAVERY &
UNTOLD BRUTALITY.

THE OCCUPIED DISTRICTS OF
FRANCE.

APPALING CONDITIONS.

LONDON, Feb. 2.

Reuter has received from a trustworthy Belgian citizen, who escaped to Valenciennes, an account of the appalling condition in the occupied districts of France, of which little news ever reaches England, which confirms that a highly organized system of slavery still exists.

All the civilians are compelled to work for the Germans. Even little girls of twelve to fourteen years old cannot go to school because they must collect acorns and nettles, and everyone wears a brassard showing the town he or she comes from. Some wear a brassard round the leg, denoting that they are tempted to work for the Germans.

The informant saw an old man with a large cross painted on his back, but he did not know what this signified.

The life of these civilians is dreadful, but nothing compared to the war prisoners, especially the English and Russian.

It was while the informant was endeavouring to give a starving Russian a little of his own small supply of food that a guard knocked out his teeth with the butt end of a rifle. The informant hereupon took a handful of natural teeth out of his pocket. This and his disfigured jaw formed eloquent proof of his statement.

WHAT "REQUISITIONING" MEANS.

He explained what requisitioning really means. As an example, domestic clocks and lamps were broken up for copper, mattresses were ripped open for wool, all sacks and spare clothes were seized. Everyone must declare every possession. People are dragged to prison for hiding a pound of potatoes or a single egg.

Instincting the brutality, he told how an Alsation absentee was murdered on the spot by a N.C.O. who also struck a woman, who remonstrated with such force that she became deaf. A little girl of 18 was shot dead without warning for attempting to cross the Franco-Belgian frontier for bread.

The informant, who possessed dates in every case, cited, concluded: "Wherever you turn your eyes, it is the same tragedy of starvation, slavery and untold brutality."

Sir Edward denied that Ulster was unreasonable. Ulster alone in Ireland had shown any reason at all.

Some of his old friends and supporters, urging a settlement, really meant a surrender. It was an insult to a great nation to suggest that America would prosecute the war with less vigour unless the Irish question was settled. Such talk was far from helping a settlement. It put men's back up. He had not left the Government for the purpose of bursting the Convention. He did not want to burst the Convention more than burst his covenant.

The West Ridings successfully raided south-east of Monchy-le-Preux taking prisoners.

The enemy raided a post north-east of Poelcappelle.

We drove off a party in the neighbourhood of the Ypres-Staden railway. Several prisoners have been captured on this front.

Hostile artillery is more active at Epehy, Gavrelle, and Ypres.

TO THE WESTERN FRONT.

INTIMATIONS

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of Messrs. DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, on TUESDAY, the 6th February, 1918, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 1st December, 1917.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th January to 5th February, 1918, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LTD.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, Jan. 23, 1918.

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held at the CITY HALL on WEDNESDAY, February 6th, at 12 Noon. Mr. T. F. Hogan will take the Chair.

K. MCKENNY,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, Feb. 2, 1918.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, on SATURDAY, 9th February, 1918, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1917.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th February to the 14th February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, Jan. 26, 1918.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, on SATURDAY, 9th February, 1918, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1917.

The REGISTRY of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 4th to SATURDAY, 9th February, 1918 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOOPER
Secretary to the
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
General Agents for the
KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LTD.
Hongkong, Jan. 30, 1918.

NOTICE.

THE UNITED BRITISH INSURANCE CO., LTD.
(INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND)

HAVING been appointed MARINE AGENTS to the above Company, we are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS and issue Policies at Current Rates.

UNION TRADING CO., Agents.

Queen's Buildings,
Hongkong, Feb. 1, 1918.

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Hongkong, Nov. 7, 1917.

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THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the COWIE HALLOUR COAL CO., LTD., are pleased to offer prices for best quality SILIMIPOON COAL shipped in Baskets at SEBATIK (or) SANDAKAN (British North Borneo).

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Charrs of Siberia Bay (Sandakan Harbour), Prices and all other information concerning the Port can be had on application to the Agents.

BENEDYK & CO., LTD., Agents for Harbour and Company Limited.

INTIMATIONS

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONGKONG.

"St. George's Day" 23rd April, 1918

DRAWING OF WAR BONDS IN AID OF WAR CHARITIES

\$500,000

(HONGKONG CURRENCY)
or more or less according to
subscriptions.

PROSPECTUS

Tickets \$5.00 each.

PRIZES to be paid in Bonds of the Hongkong Government 6% War Loan of 1916 (which may be redeemed at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at par) and, in order to ensure that the scheme is productive of "new" money for war purposes, an equivalent amount of the prizes will be reinvested by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in new British War Loan Stock.

Of the net amount subscribed, 75 per cent will be distributed in prizes, and the remaining 25 per cent will be given to War Charities.

The amount to be distributed in prizes will be divided as follows:—

First Prize, 50 per cent.
Second " 15 "

Third " 10 "
Numerous small prizes, ranging in amount from \$5 " to \$1,000 H.K. \$1,000 H.K. \$500

Winning Tickets must be presented at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong, during business hours.

Should any winning ticket not be presented before noon on the 23rd October, 1918, the ticket will be cancelled, and the value will be distributed amongst War Charities by the Committee of St. George's Society of Hongkong through the medium of the Hongkong War Charities Fund Committee.

The Drawing will be in public, and the date and hour at which it will take place will be notified in due course by advertisement.

The sale of tickets will close in Hongkong on Saturday, the 13th April, 1918.

Any dispute arising will be decided by the Committee of St. George's Society of Hongkong whose decision shall be final.

The names of the members of the Committee are:—

Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK (President).

N. J. STABE, Esq. (Vice-President).

Hon. Honour Mr. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ.

G. S. ARCHIBALD, Esq.

H. W. BIRD, Esq.

C. MONTAGUE EDE, Esq.

W. P. E. FOLLOWS, Esq.

H. R. E. HAYES, Esq.

Hon. Mr. H. E. HOLLOTT, K.C.

J. H. RAMSEY, Esq. (Hon. Treasurer).

John BENTLEY, Esq. (Hon. Secretary).

Tickets and Books of Tickets can be had on application at the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation on and after a date to be announced shortly.

H. O. SANDFORD, (Hon. Treasurer).

CHAS. BESWICK, (Hon. Secretary).

St. George's "War Bond" Drawing.

Hongkong, Feb. 2, 1918.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOOPER

Secretary to the

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

General Agents for the

KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LTD.

Hongkong, Jan. 30, 1918.

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THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THIS OFFICE will be OPEN as

SATURDAY, 9th Feb. —

Liquor & Tobacco Permits—whole day.

Import & Export Permits—till 1 p.m.

SUNDAY, 10th Feb. —

Liquor Permits — till 1 p.m.

Import & Export Permits—till 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, 13th Feb. —

For all purposes — till 1 p.m.

The Office will be WHOLLY CLOSED on MONDAY, the 11th February.

D. W. TRATMAN,

Superintendent,

Imports and Exports.

Hongkong, Feb. 2, 1918.

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DAIRY FARM NEWS.

CORNED BEEF

AND

CORNED PORK.

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THE UNDERSIGNED beg to notify
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of the Hull of the above-named Steamer
as she now lies stranded on the East
Point of NAUCHAU ISLAND, about
twenty-five miles from Kwan, Chau
Wan.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF
TENDER.

- The vessel is offered for sale as the new vessel, her Engines, Boiler, Anchors and Chains and such other equipment as may be on board, (but no Cargo is to be considered in the Tender).
- The vessel is now guarded by the French authorities.
- All Tenders should reach the Office of the Undersigned on or before Noon, SATURDAY, the 5th February, 1918.
- A Deposit must accompany each Tender, the amount of which may be learned at this Office, said Deposit will be returned in case of non-acceptance of Tender.
- The Vendors do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any Tender. Further particulars regarding the conditions of sale, and a list of fittings and fixtures to be sold with the ship, can be obtained on application from the Undersigned.
- Now and on account of the Concerned.
HUGHES & HOUGH
Hongkong, Jan. 8, 1918.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (now account of the concerned).

TUESDAY,
the 5th February, 1918, commencing at
2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
Des Vaux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street,

THE DECAMERON OF
GIOVANNI BOCCACCIO
in two volumes, with the Additional
Plates
And
One ROULETTE TABLE and WHEEL
Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, Jan. 31, 1918.

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MOTOR YACHT
Built 1916, had very little usage,
Hull ... Teakwood
Length, water-line 23' 9" over all 33'
Beam ... 7'
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Motor "Scipps", Heavy duty 14 H.P.
Complete with Lavatory, Refrigerator,
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Price and full particulars may be had
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H. E. GOLDSMITH, P. W. D.
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desirable SHOPS situated in Ice
House Street, opposite the Grand Hotel,
recently reconstructed.
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46 Connaught Road Central.

Hongkong, August 2, 1917.

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TO LET.

A FLAT in Latham Road, Kowloon.
Four roomed houses in Kowloon.
Apply to—
HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE
CO., LTD.
Alexander Buildings.
Hongkong, August 22, 1917.

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Oriental and English.

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CONSTANT HEADACHES.

People with thin blood are much more subject to headaches than full-blooded persons, and the form of anemia that affects young girls is most always accompanied by headache, together with digestive disturbances.

Whenever you have constant or recurring headaches and pallor of the face, they show that the blood is thin, and your efforts should be directed towards building up your blood. A treatment with Dr. Williams' pink pills will do this effectively, and the rich, red blood made by them will remove the headache.

More disturbances to health are caused by thin blood than you have any idea of. When your blood is impoverished, the nerves suffer from lack of nourishment and you may have insomnia, neuritis, neuralgia, or sciatica. Muscles subject to strain are under-nourished and you may have muscular rheumatism or lumbago. If your blood is thin and you begin to show symptoms of these disorders, try building up the blood with Dr. Williams' pink pills, and see if the symptoms do not disappear. The blood is restored to you.

You can readily obtain Dr. Williams' pink pills from any dealer or direct, one bottle for \$1.50, six for \$8 from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 28 Szechuan Road, Shanghai.

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THE TAITAM TUK RESERVOIR.

COMMEMORATION STONE OF THE DAM
LAID BY THE GOVERNOR

A UNIQUE CEREMONY.

His Excellency, Sir Francis Henry May, K.C.M.G., LL.D., on Saturday afternoon performed the ceremony of laying the commemoration stone at the south end of the Taitam Tuk Dam.

His Excellency and party proceeded to Taitam Tuk on board the launch *Stanley* and arrived at the scene of the ceremonies at about a quarter to three in the afternoon. A considerable gathering had already proceeded to the spot, but, naturally, owing to great distance of the dam from any available means of locomotion, excepting by launch or on foot, the spectators were not so numerous as would have been, the case had the spot been more accessible; nevertheless, those who did go were quite representative of the Colony and, of course, all the officials, engineers, assistants and Chinese assistants who have been working on the dam, were present.

When the *Stanley* reached the landing stage, which had been decorated with flags, the party proceeded immediately to the south head of the dam and the visitors inspected the work.

As His Excellency said, the occasion was unique in the history of Hongkong, for even to the lay mind, the structure presents an example of engineering skill which has never before been equalled in the Colony, and can only be surpassed by the proposed additional dam which will be about three times the size of the Taitam Tuk dam, referred to by His Excellency in his speech.

Standing at the top of the dam, one looks down into what was formerly a valley in the shape practically of a semi-circle, formed by the rising hills whose sides are serrated with ravines down which the water from the rains flow, finding outlet, formerly, into the sea. This valley is now a vast natural reservoir containing many millions of gallons of fresh water; so vast is it, that one can scarcely imagine the Colony of Hongkong increasing in population, within the space of fifteen years, to such an extent as to necessitate the construction of a dam which will form such a natural reservoir three times the size of Taitam Tuk Reservoir.

After the inspection of the work, His Excellency proceeded to the head of the dam where stands, decorated with flags, had been erected.

With His Excellency were Mrs. Tudor-Tudor, Miss Craigie and Mrs. Martin Egan, and there were also present H.E. Major-General Ventris, General Officer Commanding, and Miss Ventris, Sir William Bee Davies, K.C., Chief Justice, and Lady Davies, the Hon. Mr. Claude Sevren, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holycroft, the Hon. Mr. C. Mc. Messer, Captain Superintendent of Police, Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe and Mrs. Wolfe, the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, the Hon. Mr. Lau Shu Pak, Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, Hon. A.D.C. to His Excellency the Governor, Mr. D. Jaffé, the Engineer in charge of the construction of the Dam, Mr. T. L. Perkins, Professor Middleton Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Patten, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Mr. G. H. Wakeman, Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Mr. and Mrs. P. Jacka, Mr. F. Birley Johnson, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. F. R. J. Adams, Mr. F. W. James, Mr. F. Mattingly and the majority of the members of the Staff of the Dam works.

The Hon. Mr. W. CHATHAM said: Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen—We are met here to-day to commemorate the completion of work which must ever rank as one of the most important, public works of this Colony. Notwithstanding the numerous works carried out in the past for the purpose of affording an adequate supply of water to the City of Victoria, that essential requirement of every civilized community remained unfulfilled until the dam on which we stand, with its contingent works, had been completed. The construction of Waterworks for the supply of the City of Victoria commenced in the year 1850 or 18

Newhouse. When it is remembered that the foundations extend to a depth of 40 feet below sea level and that provision had to be made not only for dealing with flood-water from the Taitam Valley on the one side but also for the exclusion of the waters of the Bay on the other, the difficulties of the work may be realized.

In this respect, the dam is probably unique among works of its class for the impounding of fresh water. I must not omit to bestow a word of praise on the Contractors, Messrs. Sang Lee & Co., who have executed the work in such a manner that it will bear comparison with works of a similar nature anywhere in the wide world. Not only so, but they have completed it within the contract time, namely, five years. So far as I am aware, only two deaths from accidents have occurred during the execution of the works.

Committee, to whom the project was referred, recommended that the reservoir should be omitted as they were of opinion that further provision beyond the construction of a suitable intake in the stream-bed was unnecessary. In accordance with their advice, the reservoir was reduced to a mere basin capable of containing two million gallons. Such was the foresight of the men of that day.

From this humble beginning sprang the Waterworks of today. It is unnecessary for me to trouble you with details of the successive additions made in the shape of storage reservoirs and otherwise, further than to state that, notwithstanding such additions, including the original Taitam Reservoir, with a capacity of 812 million gallons, completed in 1888, the supply continued to be inadequate to the demand. Up to 1902, the combined capacity of the reservoirs amounted to 510,660,000 gallons and there was then in course of construction a small reservoir,

known as the Taitam Eye-wash Reservoir, which was capable of containing 26,301,000 gallons additional. It was completed in 1904, raising the storage capacity to nearly 537 million gallons. The very low rainfall during the rainy season of 1901, followed by a severe and prolonged drought, revealed the urgent necessity of proceeding with further additions to the waterworks of the City and, on the advice of the late Mr.

Osbert Chadwick, C.M.G., who visited the Colony in 1902, it was decided to develop, to the fullest extent possible, the lower portion of the Taitam Valley. In order to prepare an exhaustive scheme, extensive surveys and investigations were necessary and, whilst these were in progress, it was considered advisable to proceed with the construction of a subsidiary reservoir and contingent works; so arranged as to admit of their incorporation with the future more extensive works contemplated.

These subsidiary works were begun in 1904 and completed in 1908 at a cost of \$896,140. They included the construction of a reservoir with a capacity of fully 210 million gallons, containing the pumping engines, each capable of raising 13 million gallons per minute and other considerable works.

On their completion, it was considered that the finances of the Colony did not permit of the more extensive scheme contemplated being proceeded with and the matter therefore remained in abeyance until November, 1913, when a contract for the execution of the works, whose completion we to-day celebrate, was let.

The dam on which we stand is capable of impounding 1,419 million gallons, or nearly double the combined contents of all the reservoirs previously constructed.

Including the subsidiary reservoir, already mentioned, which was carried out as a preliminary part of the scheme, the storage capacity added since 1904 amounts to 1,622 million gallons, or more than three times the capacity of all the reservoirs then existing. These figures will give you some idea of the numerous additions which have been made to the water supply of the Colony during recent years.

In addition to this great dam, the works just completed include the provision of two pumping engines, each capable of raising three million gallons of water daily, a height of 400 feet, the taking up and laying of 14 miles of 18" main, and the laying of 34 miles of new 18" mains, besides other minor works.

The extreme length of the dam is 1,255 feet or nearly quarter of a mile, its extreme height from the deepest part of the foundations to the roadway where we stand is 171' feet and its greatest thickness at the base is 11' feet.

The maximum depth of water impounded by it is 117 feet. The quantity of concrete required in its construction amounted to 128,117 cubic yards, and of stone facing to 229,260 cubic feet. Nearly 200,000 bags of cement were used in the work. The total cost of the work has amounted to nearly \$2,000,000. The works were designed and supervised from start to finish by Mr. Jaffé, and I am sure you will agree with me that they reflect the highest credit on the

Government, which has made up its mind that never again will the water supply lag behind the increase of population. You see all the water behind this fine dam and you have heard of the capacity of this great reservoir, but you must not run away and think that because you have so much water you can sit down and do nothing further for we have only enough to last for fifteen years.

The first thing we have got to do after we have linked up the catchwaters, which Mr. Chatham has referred to, is to think out a scheme for building another one about three times as big.

On the base, on which the Stone rested, was inscribed, "Presented to His Excellency, Sir Francis Henry May, K.C.M.G., LL.D., on the second day of February, 1918, to commemorate the completion of the Taitam Tuk Reservoir."

On the base, on which the Stone rested, was inscribed, "Presented to His Excellency, Sir Francis Henry May, K.C.M.G., LL.D., on the occasion of the laying of the Memorial Stone to mark the completion of the Taitam Tuk Reservoir, Hongkong, December 22, 1917." (The date of which the Stone was originally to have been laid.)

The Trowel, Mallet and Level were enclosed in a handsome leather case.

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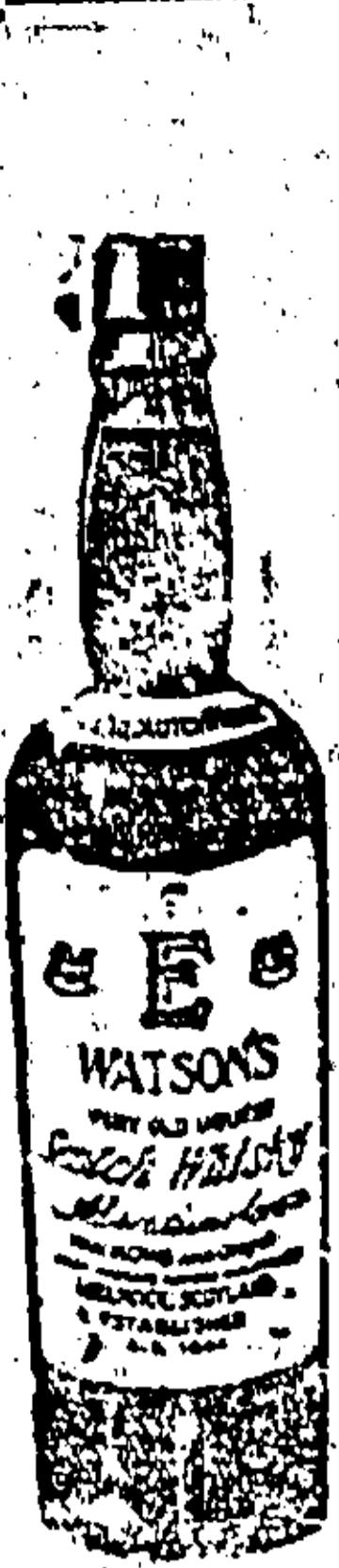
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING of SHARE-
HOLDERS will be held at the Offices
of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHERSON &
COMPANY, Limited, on THURSDAY, the
1st February, 1918, at Noon, for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors and the Statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st December, 1917.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
MONDAY, 1st February to THU-
ESDAY, 21st February, 1918, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

W. S. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, Feb. 4, 1918. 103

JOINT SERVICE OF THE
"NEDERLAND" and "ROTTERDAM
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship "WILIS,"
having arrived from SAN FRANCISCO,
Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified
that all Goods are being landed at their
risk into the Hazardous and/or extra
Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.,
Ltd, whence and/or from the Wharves
delivery may be obtained.

No claim will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns and all
Goods remaining undelivered after noon
the 8th February, will be subject to
ruin.

All claims against the steamer must be
presented to the undersigned on or
before the 1st February, or they will
not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where
they will be examined on the 7th
February at 10 a.m. by the Company's
surveyors, Meers, Goddard & Douglas.

No Insurance whatsoever has
been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned
by JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN Lijn,
Agents.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From SINGAPORE and PENANG.

THE Steamship "VAN WAERWYCK"

having arrived from the above Ports
consigned to cargo by her are notified
that all Goods will be landed at their
risk into the Hazardous and/or extra
Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.,
Ltd, whence and/or from the Wharves
delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 11th Febr.
ary, 1918, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages
are to be left in the Godowns, where
they will be examined on the 9th February
1918, at 10 a.m.

Claims against the steamer must be
presented in writing within ten days
after arrival of steamer, otherwise they
will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by
the undersigned in any case whatever.

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increasing its attractions as a holiday
resort for people in less favoured
parts of the Far East, and also as a
place of residence for well-to-do
Chinese. Another healthy sign in the
past few years has been the increase
in the number of Chinese industrial
enterprises in the Colony. H.E. The
Governor was quite justified on Sat-
urday in referring to the Colony as
"a healthy child, growing space and
only yet in her infancy," and it is
therefore well that the Government
should be looking ahead and keeping
an eye on the possible means of
making provision for an adequate
supply of pure water for the vastly
increased population that is expected
to inhabit the island fifteen or twenty
years hence.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

BIRTH.
BRANCH.—On February 2nd, at Govern-
ment Civil Hospital, to Captain and Mrs. B. BRANCH, a daughter.

DEATH.

LYALL.—Ah Swatow, on the 29th
January, AMELIA SOPHIA A.
Norwood, wife of Dr. A. LYALL,
S. E. P. Mission, Swatow, and
daughter of the late Charles
Norwood, Berwick, King's Co.,
Nova Scotia.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, Feb. 4, 1918.

THE NEW WATERWORKS AT
TYAT-TUK.

The completion of the great dam
and incidental works at Tyat-tuk is an
engineering achievement fully entitled
to the public function that took place
on Saturday afternoon, when H.E.
The Governor laid a commemoration
stone. The extreme length of the
masonry dam is nearly a quarter of
a mile; its extreme height from the
deepest part of the foundations is
171 feet and its greatest thickness
at the base 115ft. The foundations
extend to a depth of 49 feet below
sea level, and the Hon. Director of
Public Works spoke of the dam as
being probably unique among works
of its class for the impounding of
fresh water, in that provision had to
be made not only for dealing with
flood water from the Tyat-tuk Valley,
on the one side, but, also, on the
other, for the exclusion of the waters
of the bay. When we are told that
this dam is capable of impounding
1,419 millions of water, or nearly
double the combined contents of all
the reservoirs previously constructed,
and that the Government does not
anticipate that this will suffice to
meet the ever-growing needs of the
Colony for more than another fifteen
years, it must "give us furiously to
think" on the possibilities of growth
which the immediate future holds
for the Colony.

The friends and acquaintances of Mr.
E. B. Reed, Land Surveyor of the
Public Works Department, now on
Military Service, will be pleased to learn
that he has been promoted to the rank
of Captain. He is in charge of a
battery at the front in France.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. Martin Egan, Correspondent of
the New York Saturday Evening Post,
is a guest at Government House.

One of the latest victims of small
pox at Shanghai is Mr. A. L. Greig,
who was the China Treasurer of the
London Missionary Society. He came
to China about twenty years ago and
died on Wednesday last at the age of
50.

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CHINESE AFFAIRS.

["Chinese Mail" Service.]
THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE
SOUTH.

PEKING, Feb. 2.
Wong Ka Ming and Tsao Ju Lin
have undertaken to raise all the
necessary funds for the campaign
against the South.

The Cabinet has decided that
\$10,000,000 are needed for military
expenses.

Wong Ka Ming will probably follow
Liang Shih's method of issuing
military dollar notes, redeemable
within a certain period.

The President and Premier have
telegraphed to Shum Chun Huen in
their own names giving him their
reasons for the war mandate.

General Lung Chai Kwong has
requested the Government to allow
him to retain for military expenses
the revenue collectable in conquered
districts.

The President has decided to con-
centrate a large army at Wuchang
and Hankow, and propose to retake
Yochow, in Hunan, as a measure
for the protection of the province of
Hueh.

SHANGHAI SWEEPSTAKE LIBEL
CASE.

SUIT DISMISSED.

The libel suit at Shanghai in
connection with the winning of the sweep-
stake at the Champions at the Autumn
race meeting has been dismissed, the
Court finding that there was no re-
flection on the plaintiff's honesty.

In dismissing the suit, the Court
took occasion to say that there was
nothing to show that the plaintiff in
the division of the proceeds of the
winning ticket was other than abso-
lutely honest in such transaction, and
such is in fact the affirmative opinion
of the Court.

FIRES IN THE COLONY.

A MATCHED BLAZE IN
KOWLOON.

A small fire occurred in Kowloon
on Saturday evening in the yards of
Messrs. Sang Lee & Company, Con-
tractors, which is situated adjacent
to the Kowloon Dock. A matched
caught fire and for a short time
created such a blaze as to give the
impression to the people on the Peak
that a large fire had broken out in
the Docks themselves.

The brigade was quickly on the
spot, however, and the outbreak
quelled.

JUNK BUILDING YARDS
ABLAZE AT CHEUNG
SHA WAN.

A fire broke out yesterday afternoon,
at Cheung Sha Wan, which is
situated to the west of Taikoo, and
the Cosmopolitan Dockyard.

The men of the Central Fire
Station, the Central Police Station,
Yau Ma Tei Water Police Stations,
the Volunteer Fire Brigade, with one
boat and three Police launches, were
quickly on the spot.

It was found that a range of junk
builders yards, together with com-
pleted junks and a large quantity of
shipbuilding material, houses and
mataches, were well alight, causing
the reflection to be seen from a con-
siderable distance, and a dense
volume of smoke drifted over the
harbour.

Owing to the low state of the tide,
some difficulty was experienced in
getting the boat near enough to the
scene, but later effective assistance
was rendered by the boat.

The Fire Brigade, of which every
available man was by that time
on the scene, set to work to cut a lane
in the length of the fire, on the
inland side, and by this means the
configuration was confined to an area
of about 1,000 feet long by about 200
feet deep, thereby saving a number
of houses further inland.

By the early hours of this morning,
the flames had been completely
quelled and the Fire Brigade left the
scene, with a few men standing by.

Earlier reports stated that the fire
was one of the biggest ever known
in the Colony, but this does not appear
to be the case, although of course
considerable damage was done.
The idea was probably prompted
by the fact that since most of the
material burned was dry wood,
shavings and rubbish of an inflammable
nature a very big blaze
occurred.

The outbreak is assumed to have
originated from a cook house chimney,
but this has yet to be confirmed.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

CHARGE OF MURDER.

The January Criminal Sessions were
resumed this morning before Sir
William Reed Davies, K.C., Chief
Justice.

Ho Hung was brought up on two
charges, first with murdering Lam Yik
Chan in the office of the Po On Marine
Insurance Company, on August 21st and
second, with stealing certain valuable
securities to the total value of \$5,000.

The accused pleaded not guilty.

The Attorney General prosecuted
and Mr. C. G. Altham, instructed by
Mr. E. C. Altham, defended the accused.

The jurymen were Messrs. R. H.
Condon, J. H. Scott, F. Laurie, S.
Eaker, W. E. Rose, J. F. Tavares, and
A. E. Martin.

Opening the case, the Attorney
General said that the story of the crime
was shortly that about 4 a.m. on August
21st the prisoner and two other men
entered the premises of the Po On
Insurance Company. They were
accompanied by an employee of the
Company who lived on the premises
and was sworn to defend the
accused.

After the prisoner and two other men
had taken the keys, opened the safe
and took about \$5,000 worth of notes.
They then went away, leaving the
employee who had admitted them, still
on the premises. The chief witness in
the case would be an accomplice who
would tell them that the prisoner, with
the two other men, came to him and
they went together to the Po On
Insurance Company on three occasions
with the object of committing the
crime and on the third occasion the
crime was actually committed.

Evidence was then taken after which
the Court adjourned until to-morrow.

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THE MARINE COURT OF
INQUIRY.JUDGMENT DELIVERED IN THE
"MANPOURI" CASE.

The judgment of the Marine Court
of Inquiry was delivered to-day, in
the case in which Captain M. B.
Wilson, formerly Master of the a.s.
Manpouri, applied for an enquiry
into the conduct of the Chief Officer
of that ship.

The President of the Court, Com-
mander Beckwith, R.N., Marine
Magistrate, read the judgment as
follows:

We find that the steamship Mana-
pouri, official No. 73229 of Shanghai, of
whom Montague B. Wilson, official No.
of certificate 026639 of Liverpool was
master, left Hongkong on a voyage to
Saigon, and at noon on November 13
was estimated by D.R. to be N.E. of
Pule Kambit some 20 miles. During
the master's temporary absence from
the bridge for tiffin the Chief Officer
discovered water and altered
course to S.E. After doing so he took
no steps to inform the master at the time,
nor did he enter this alteration of
course in the rough log, both of which
was his duty to do.

At 1:30 p.m. the master returned to
the bridge from tiffin and the Chief
Officer and 2nd Officer then alleged
that he appeared to be under the
influence of liquor. The Court can find
no evidence of this in the actions of the
master. Up to 4 p.m. the navigation of
the ship was carried out to make the
land was sighted the course was altered
as necessary and a cast of the lead
taken. The Court are satisfied that the
master actually gave the orders for the
cast of lead.

At 4 p.m. the ship was brought up to
the wind N.E. the engines put to slow
by order of the master. From 4 to
6 p.m. the Chief Officer was in charge
of the watch and he alleged that the
Master became more and more drunk;
that some time before 6 p.m. he, the
Chief Officer, saw a large steamer
painted lead colour, high in the water
with her propeller well out of the water
crossing the bow from starboard to port
and that he asked the master's permission
to port so as to clear her, which was
eventually given. The Master denied
this or that he ever saw the ship. This
is borne out by Mr. Wilson's evidence
who was on bridge and saw the steamer
when she passed on the port side.
(But said Captain Wilson was not
there.) The Court cannot understand
why the Chief Officer, in charge of
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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SUBMARINE WARFARE.

SATISFACTORY STATEMENT BY SIR ERIC GEDDES.

LONDON, Feb. 2. Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, interviewed by the Associated Press on the expiry of the first year of unrestricted submarine warfare, said: "The submarine is held." The sinkings were now reduced to a level below that when Germany threw off all restraint, and he thought that we were now sinking submarines as fast as Germany can build them. The Admiralty could not foresee any change except for the better, but we must have more ships in order to turn the enemy failure into a positive Allied victory, because the destruction of merchantmen still exceeded the construction, and tonnage demands were increasing by leaps and bounds. Before the end of 1918 we should be building shipping of all kinds at a rate of more than double that of our record war year. Much depended on American shipbuilding efforts. He hoped America's efforts would be a contribution worthy of the great cause.

Referring to the tables of "curves" which are published from time to time, Sir Eric said all the curves were bending in the right direction, and added: "The destruction of Allied shipping decreases steadily, the construction of merchantmen increases steadily, and the sinking of submarines steadily rises."

Sir Eric Geddes explained another "curve," namely, the factor of exaggeration in the German statements of sinkings. In the early months of unrestricted warfare the margin of exaggeration was fairly small, but with the lessening of enemy successes last July, August and September, the German exaggerations began to increase and were continuing to increase, thereby indicating a fairly accurate reflection of the German official confession of their measure of failure.

Referring to the United States' War Secretary's warning about a concentration of submarines against the American transports, Sir Eric said there may probably be heavy losses as life-saving in the middle of the Atlantic is not easy, if we were to transport numbers of American troops, but there was no evidence that the Germans were at present withdrawing U-boats in preparation. All the evidence showed that there were as many submarines now operating as ever. The decreased losses were due to the steady improvement in the Allies' anti-submarine methods—"they get fewer chances and meet disaster more frequently."

Our policy of secrecy with regard to U-boat losses was one of the chief causes of the steady deterioration of the German crews. Even the commanders of the submarines are not what they used to be. Brave, capable commanders to-day were the exceptions, and work is being resumed at Hamburg, Kiel and the coal-fields, while Krups is in full swing.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

ENEMY RAID REPULSED.

LONDON, Feb. 2. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

The enemy raided a post in the neighbourhood of the Ypres-Staden Railway. A few of our men are missing. We beat off an attempt westward of Gheluvelt.

We captured 171 prisoners in January. Our aeroplanes bombed an aerodrome at Thiep and a dump at Courtrai.

LIVERPOOL REGIMENTS' SUCCESSFUL RAID.

LONDON, Feb. 2. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

The Liverpool regiment successfully carried out a raid south-eastward of Armentières and brought back prisoners. A hostile raid northward of Fassche-land was repelled.

NAVAL AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.

LONDON, Feb. 2. The Admiralty announces:

Naval aircraft on Wednesday bombed an aerodrome at Ostend camp, directly hitting a hangar and sheds and causing fires.

We brought down one enemy machine out of control.

During patrols we brought down one and shot down two enemy machines out of control.

One of our machines is missing.

THE AIR-RAIDS.

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST.

LONDON, Feb. 2. The Press Bureau announces:

In Monday's air raid the casualties in all the districts were—Killed, 58 and injured, 173, of whom 30 were killed and 91 injured in one building, used as an air raid shelter.

It is possible that a few more bodies may be found under the debris of the building, as four persons of this district are missing.

The total casualties in Tuesday's raid were—Killed 10 and injured 10.

AIR DEFENCES OF PARIS TO BE INCREASED.

PARIS, Feb. 2.

The *Times* reports that a conference was held between the Premier and the Under-Secretary for Aviation, and it was decided to increase the aeroplanes defending Paris and to provide anti-aircraft barrages similar to those of London.

THE STRIKES IN GERMANY.

STRIKERS ERECT BARRICADES IN BERLIN STREETS.

CROWDS WANT PEACE AND BREAD.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 2.

The *Figaro* of February 4, learns from a reliable source that in Berlin a crowd marched yesterday as noon to the Charlottenburg with cries for peace and bread. The police charged, whereupon the strikers erected barricades, using overturned trams. They fired and buried projectiles at the police. Thirty wounded strikers were removed to the hospital. There were no arrests and house searches were made. Reliable detachments of cavalry and machine-guns have collected in the neighbourhood of Berlin.

EXTENSIVE DISTURBANCES REPORTED.

The latest Berlin newspapers of the last inst. report extensive disturbances over a large area. In the capital the solitary exceptions were Unter den Linden and Schloss Platz, which the papers significantly remark were empty. The worst disorders occurred in the Moabit, where crowds of strikers tried to overturn trams. The police intervened, but encountered resistance and collisions occurred.

There were similar stormy scenes in north and east Berlin. Youths and girls held the streets and attacked the trams, interrupting the traffic. The city tram service was suspended at noon. The strikers in some parts severed the electric wires in order to prevent workmen using the cars in order to go to the shift.

Fights are reported in outside factories between strikers and non-strikers.

SOCIALIST ARRESTED.

The Independent Socialist, Herr Dittmann, has been arrested for attempting to address a meeting in a suburb of Berlin.

The feverish anti-strike propaganda includes an officially supplied story, published in all the newspapers in Germany, that an Entente Propaganda Committee, with a hundred million marks of American money, has been formed with the object of revolutionising Poland and Austria and is employing numerous agents in Germany, especially in the armament industry, to incite sabotage, etc. It asserts that the committee includes Senator Stone, Lord Northcliffe and Lord Reading.

The *Figaro*'s reports that the General Committee of the Trade Unions is unanimously sympathetic towards the strikers.

A SEMI-OFFICIAL MESSAGE.

A semi-official message from Berlin on February 1, declares that the strike has passed its zenith. It minimises the day's occurrences in Berlin. Traffic conditions are improving and work is being resumed at Hamburg, Kiel and the coal-fields, while Krups is in full swing.

TO ARREST INTERNATIONAL BUTCHERY.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 2. One of the leaflets distributed broadcast by the strikers in Berlin says the only way to overthrow the Government and the bourgeoisie is by the establishment of a Democratic Republic which will arrest the international butchery and result in a general peace.

REAPPEARANCE OF THE "YORWAERTS."

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 2. The *Forwards* reappeared on the 1st inst.

GENERAL STRIKE IN HOLLAND TO BE CALLED.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 2. The Dutch Revolutionary Socialists have decided to call a general strike on Monday and demand the Government to seize all foodstuffs in the country and to distribute them equally to the population.

ALLIED AIRMEN DROP LEAFLETS FOR GERMANS.

HAVRE, Feb. 2. Belgian soldiers from the Front state that since January 10th Allied aviators were constantly flying over the German lines, dropping thousands of booklets containing the text of President Wilson's peace proposals printed in German.

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TWO BRITISH AIRMEN SENTENCED BY GERMANS.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 2. The *Teleg. Zeitung* states that two British airmen Lieutenant Shatto and Lieutenant Wooley, who were shot down at Cambrai on October 17th, have been sentenced to ten years' penal servitude by a German Military Tribunal for dropping "enemy leaflets."

THE SINKING OF THE "GIRALDA."

OFFICERS ROBBED.

LONDON, Feb. 2. The *Daily Mail* Correspondent at Seville reports that the crew of the *Giralda* state that when stopped by a submarine on January 26th the *Giralda*'s chief officer was ordered on board the submarine, whose commander threatened asking whether or not he should sink the ship. He received the reply "Yes" presumably from the German Embassy at Madrid.

The submarine crew then boarded the *Giralda* and robbed the officer and bombed the ship.

The total casualties in Tuesday's raid were—Killed 10 and injured 10.

AIR DEFENCES OF PARIS TO BE INCREASED.

PARIS, Feb. 2.

The *Times* reports that a conference was held between the Premier and the Under-Secretary for Aviation, and it was decided to increase the aeroplanes defending Paris and to provide anti-aircraft barrages similar to those of London.

RUSSIA.

SOVIET TROOPS OCCUPY KIEFF.

Petrograd, Feb. 1.

The Maximalist Agency confirms that the Soviet troops occupy Kieff and have captured the arsenal.

Three Ukrainian Regiments with artillery joined up with the Soviets, the police garrison refusing to fight. The Soviet troops captured Orenburg. General Dutov's Cossacks are fleeing and General Dutov escaped.

BRESTLITOVSK NEGOTIATIONS ADJOURNED.

LONDON, Feb. 1. A German message states that Dr. Kuehleman has agreed to an adjournment at Brestlitzov to consider the question of the two Ukrainian bodies claiming to represent the Ukraine.

RUSSIAN FUNDS ABROAD.

LONDON, Feb. 2. The *Times* Petrograd Correspondent says—

The Bolsheviks are determined to get possession of the funds of the Russian Government abroad by prohibiting British and other foreign Embassies and Consulates to touch their deposits in the Russian banks.

POLISH LEGIONARIES OCCUPY ROGATCHEFF.

Petrograd, Feb. 1.

Twenty-six thousand Polish Legionaries, commanded by Polish generals occupied Rogatchoff, upon which the Provincial Soviet demanded evacuation and submission of the Polish Staff, intimating that the fate of a number of Polish land-owners, members of the Cadet Party and others who are hostages depended upon their compliance.

THE REPORT.

The school has now been in the hands of the Government for three years and each year has seen rise both in the standard of the work and the numbers of the school. Our efforts have been directed, as usual, first of all towards the attainment of a sound practical knowledge of colloquial English. We have effected this by training the boys to recite dialogues and short scenes which were written in every case except one, by the masters of the school. This has taught the boys to speak distinctly and with expression and the result has been remarkably gratifying. The boys recite these dialogues with evident pleasure. Some of the titles are Street Cries; Kidnapping; Scene at a Chinese Court; etc. Another method adopted to improve the English of the school is that black boards are affixed to the walls of the basement and every day items of the most important news are written up there both in English and Chinese, and these form the basis of a moral lesson in the upper classes. English and Chinese newspapers are also put up in the basement to encourage a knowledge of every day matters. Moreover, every master gives in turn a model lesson in the hall to a large number of boys. In this way the best methods of teaching are seen and these lessons are a source of instruction not only to the boys but to many of the less experienced masters. The maximum enrollment was 811 and the average attendance 460. This compares favourably with the maximum enrollment of last year 481 and an average attendance of 392. The school has lost the services of Mr. Mycock who has gone to the front. The staff has suffered severely from the war or the claims of other schools. Out of the first 8 masters in 1917 the school now possesses only 3 of similar grades. Although in many cases masters of lower grades have been substituted the work has been good and I have every pleasure in giving the staff for its loyal co-operation. Mr. B. James took Mr. Mycock's place in March. His class is up to a high standard and specialises in exchange problems and general knowledge. We owe the illustrated stories that adorn our walls to his initiation. Mr. Cheng Kai-fan has been in charge of the library and reading room and the results of his work are very gratifying. The papers supplied English and Chinese are usually read during out of school hours by about 50 boys. Mr. Lam Kuan Shan supervises the school Botanical Department and our surroundings are pleasanter for his work. In this there is an educational value. We have not only attended to the mental welfare of the scholars, but have also formed a band of Professors "Typical" "Lion" "Hercules" and "Trotter" and a rotten boat, what can be done there but by the very force of his craft? Take care then of the timbers of your boat! We have taken care of them. Drill has been carried on regularly when it has been cool enough. This has been combined with sufficient instruction in Physiology and Hygiene to make the boys realize its value. We have encouraged swimming as much as possible. We had six full day swimming parties and several half day trips, in addition to visits to Telegraph Bay and Kennedy Town. We won the Junior Team Relay Race in the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Federation sports, obtaining thereby the right to put our names first on this fine shield generously presented by Mr. Ho Kwong to the Federation. We also won first places in the fifty yard Junior and Veteran races for the Spring Season 1917. The Valley Bell, a paper above the school, lately completed by the P.W.D. will be much used and appreciated. The Art Department is in a flourishing state and there has been keen competition for the prizes which have been offered by the school. Mr. Ellis Kadourie, the founder of the school, who so kindly presented it to the Government of Hongkong and also Mr. Lau Chu Pak, one of their largest benefactors. He was glad to see that these gentlemen did not lose their interest and that they appeared there at the annual prize giving. On his way to that spacious building, which could undoubtedly accommodate far more boys than were at present on the roll, with Sir Ellis Kadourie, he was remarking on the increase in attendance and Sir Ellis Kadourie had told him that there would, perhaps, be 1,000 boys in the school if they could get a satisfactory number of teachers. Mr. Ralph had suggested that it would be a good thing to get lady teachers for the lower classes, and he was glad to say that they had been able to do so and that Miss Eastman had undertaken the work and she would start teaching there next term. He hoped they would give her every help.

Concluding this, remarks, Mr. Severn drew the attention of the visitors to the work of the first and second prize winners in the Art Section, specimens of which would be found in the Hall. He congratulated Mr. Bird on the successful past year and wished them all a happy New Year and a prosperous school year in front of them. (Applause.)

The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak then addressed the scholars in Chinese and after cheers had been given for the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, Sir Ellis Kadourie, the visitors and the Headmaster, the ceremonies concluded.

A BRITISH AND FRENCH BANKING AMALGAMATION.

LONDON, Feb. 2. A provisional agreement has been concluded for the amalgamation of the London County and Westminster and Paris Banks, whose aggregate deposits are £210,899,269.

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BRITISH GRIT WILL WIN.

SIR W. ROBERTSON AND LORD DERBY ON WAR OUTLOOK.

I am convinced that the issue of this war largely depends upon staying power, i.e., upon grit and determination. The people of the British Empire have often in the past proved that they possess these qualities to a high degree second to none. I firmly believe that they still possess them and therefore I remain confident that victory will be ours.

This is General Sir Wm. Robertson's new year message to members of the Overseas Club, published in the *Times* number of "Overseas."

"Although once again winter has come round to find us still at war," says Lord Derby, "it also finds us with an Army unimpaired in strength and of the highest moral; whilst on the other hand, there are evident signs that the reverse is the case with our enemies."

People look forward, therefore, with confidence to the coming winter, and over our heads and the immediate horizon a peace which shall be a peace for many generations."

SCHOOLSHIP LIST.

Schoolships 1917.

Tai Yen Scholarship, Ho Yen.

Lau Chu Pak Scholarship, Ho Yen.

Chan Kai Ming Scholarship, Ho Yen.

Ng Shing Fui Scholarship, Ho Yen.

Lau Chu Pak Scholarship, Ho Yen.

Chan Kai Ming Scholarship, Ho Yen.

Scholarships 1917.

Lau Man Kai, Yik Kai.

Lau Chu Pak Scholarship, Ho Yen.

Ho Yen Tong Scholarship, Ho Yen.

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant.

COMMUNICATION DRILL.

At headquarters on Tuesday, 6th February, at 6 p.m. Officers and N.C.O.s. of "A" and "B" Companies will attend. Other Officers and N.C.O.s. may attend if they so desire. Platoon Drill will be practised.

LECTURE.

At Headquarters, Friday, 9th February, at 8 p.m. Subject, Military Engineering.

Orders for Artillery Company by Captain J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D.

PARADES.

Tuesday, 6th and Thursday, 8th inst.— Eight and Left Half Companies. All Officers and N.C.O.s. Military instruction at H.K.D.C. Headquarters at 6.15 p.m.

FRIDAY, 9th instant.

7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company. Full parade at Belchers Battery.

5.15 p.m.—Left Half Company. Full parade at Belchers Battery.

Orders for Engineer Company by Captain W. Russell.

1st to 8th February. E. L. Manning nightly at Belchers and Lyceum. Parades per Rosters posted at Headquarters.

Engine drivers 6 p.m.— Electricians 6.15 p.m.— Officers next in duty—Belchers and Lieut. Marley, Lyceum, 2nd Lieut. Hill, Stonewall, and Lieut. Brown.

MUSKETRY.

Men as detailed by the Company Sergeant Major, will fire at King's Park Range on Friday, 2nd February at 8 a.m. Dress Drill order, with sidearms, pouches and 25 rounds ammunition.

Detail of duties at Lyceum from 1st to 18th February, is posted at Headquarters.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

PARADES.

"A" Company.

TUESDAY, 6th inst.— 4.30 p.m.—Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons. Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 15, 16, and 17, and 18, at King's Park Range. Dress: drill order with pouches, 5.15 p.m. No. 4 Platoon, on Cricket Ground. Platoon Drill, dress, drill order.

"B" Company.

THURSDAY, 7th inst.— 4.30 p.m.—Platoon, Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 12, 14, and 15, at King's Park Range. Dress: drill order with pouches.

FRIDAY, 8th instant.

5.15 p.m.—Nos. 5 and 6 Platoons, on Cricket Ground. Platoon Drill Dress: Drill order.

MACHINERY COMPANY.

Dress for all parades clean fatigue and whites.

WEDNESDAY, 6th instant.— 5.15 p.m. Drill at Headquarters Nos. 1, 4 and 5 guns only.

THURSDAY, 7th instant.— 5.10 p.m. Drill at Headquarters. The following men only need attend: Ptes. Field, Irvine, Hogan, McKernan, Pinget, and Stapleton.

FRIDAY, 8th instant.—

4.30 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 13, 14 and 15 at King's Park Range. Dress: Drill order with pouches.

MOUNTED SECTION.

WEDNESDAY, 6th instant.— 4.30 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 13, 14 and 15, at King's Park Range. Dress: drill order with pouches.

THURSDAY, 7th instant.—

5.10 p.m. Drill at Headquarters. The following men only need attend: Ptes. Field, Irvine, Hogan, McKernan, Pinget, and Stapleton.

FRIDAY, 8th instant.—

5.15 p.m.—At Jockey Club Stables. Dress order without riders.

SIGNALLING SECTION.

TUESDAY, 6th instant.— 5.30 p.m.—Qualified Signallers. Field Work under C.S.M. Blair at Happy Valley. (Dress Clean Fatigue).

WEDNESDAY, 6th instant.—

5.15 p.m.—"B" Class Signallers. Instruction under Sergt. Mitchellmore at Defence Corps Headquarters. (Dress Clean Fatigue).

Note—Sergt. Merrifield, R.G.A. will attend all these Signalling Parades.

FRIDAY, 8th instant.—

5.15 p.m.—Musketry Instruction. All signallers who have not passed the Musketry tests (T.E.T.) parade under C. S. M. Blair, Happy Valley. (Drill order).

STRENGHTENED GUARD SECTION.

TUESDAY, 6th instant.— 5.15 p.m.—Drill at Headquarters.

RECRUITS.

FRIDAY, 8th instant.— 5.15 p.m.—Nos. 3 and 4 Sections, on Murray Parade Ground. Musketry instruction. Dress: Drill order with pouches. Sergt. O'Farrell and Corp. Grimes will attend.

Orders for Cadet Company by 2nd Lieut. J. E. W. Board.

CHURCH PARADES.

WEDNESDAY, 6th inst.— 5.15 No. 3 and 4 Sections at Gun Club Hill.

5.30 p.m.—Band practice at Headquarters.

6.30 p.m.—Gymnasium at St. Andrew's Church Hall.

G. E. STEWART,

Captain, H.K. Defence Corps.

HONGKONG REGISTER.

Previous day On date of On date as at 3 p.m. 8 a.m. 2 p.m.

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THE CALENDAR.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

11.30 a.m.—Union Waterboat Co. Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

12 noon.—Prize-giving by Rev. Mr. Claud Severn at Saipung School.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Teakwood and Blackwood Furniture etc. at Messrs. Hughes & Hough's.

GENERAL MEMORANDA.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 6.—

Prize-giving at Queen's College.

THURSDAY, Feb. 7.—

9.15 p.m.—Concert at Theatre Royal by A. Mirovitch and M. Fiasiro.

SATURDAY, Feb. 9.—

11 a.m.—Kwailoon Land & Building Co. annual meeting.

12 noon.—Humphreys Estate & Finance Co. Annual Meeting.

MONDAY, Feb. 11.—

Chinese New Year.

TUESDAY, Feb. 12.—

Hongkong Jockey Club Races.

TUESDAY, Feb. 26.—

Second day of Races.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 27.—

Third day of Races.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The Parcel Post Services to British East Africa and Egypt (except for members of the Expeditionary Forces) and to Abyssinia, Eritrea, French Somaliland, Italian Somaliland, Portuguese East Africa, Zanzibar and Russia have been suspended.

LOCAL AND REGULAR MAIL OUTWARD.

For WEEK-DAYS SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS

1st 5.00 P.M. 9.00 A.M. 9.30 A.M.

Tai Po ... 10.00 A.M. 9.30 A.M.

Cheung Chow ... 7.30 A.M. 3 P.M.

Shatankot, Shatin ... 4.00 P.M.

Aberdeen, Aitken, Pines, Shau, San Tin, Stanley ... 4.30 P.M.

Canton, Samui ... 7.00 A.M. 5.00 P.M.

Macau ... 7.15 A.M. 9.00 A.M.

Kongmoon ... Except 5.00 P.M. (Saturdays)

Nam Van ... 5.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M.

Shamchun ... 10.00 A.M. 9.00 A.M.

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Tai Ping ... 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M.

Shak Kui ... 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M.

Kongmoon ... 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M.

Kimchuk ... 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M.

Kaukong ... 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M.

Except Saturday.

In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. Registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below is compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1914-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be a foot 3 inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide-gauge at the Victoria Harbour, add 2 feet 3 inches to the range of the tides given in the table.

At Lamma Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

February 5th to 11th, 1918.

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